

Tripartite meeting readout

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BB

Apologies for being late, we are all having a busy day
You are reading the news like we are, seeing significant disruptions outside of Ottawa
As a consequence six major auto plans have shut down today
Actions are escalating, that will require an escalation in our response

JW

Yes I understand a crossing in Manitoba was shut down

BB

Yes – it is a huge escalation

JW

They started circling the Ottawa parking lot, but drove away
RCMP and OPP and OPS met for ten hours over the course of the last 24 hours

BB

That is the most relevant question for this conversation, that is entirely within your portfolio Marco
Also understand that you have spoken to the province

MM

Thanks – latest from the RCMP is that they are working very closely with OPS to provide additional resources

My understanding is that in addition to the 275 assigned to Ottawa they are looking at providing an additional 200-250 that will be onboarded before the weekend

Preliminary conversations with the Commissioner is that these resources would be exclusively assigned for public safety in Ottawa, not the other Precinct assignments

This will be operationalized in conjunction with the OPP, need to have a sense of the plan

If and when delivered, would take the RCMP contribution to approximately 500 for the purposes of public safety and enforcement

Phase has moved beyond inconvenience or disruption – they have moved to disrupting the economy

We are having very intentional conversations with the province about how confident they are around enforcement, the ability to take appropriate action quickly and decisively

Whether in Ottawa, Windsor, Sarnia etc.

Spoke to Minister Jones, it was a focused conversation and I am looking forward to hearing back from her – on what the OPP can do to assist you

We are on day 14, also looking at anything else we can do

BB

Noted that the OPS has said there has been some interference on 911 system – it is good that they have been so public about this, it is very concerning

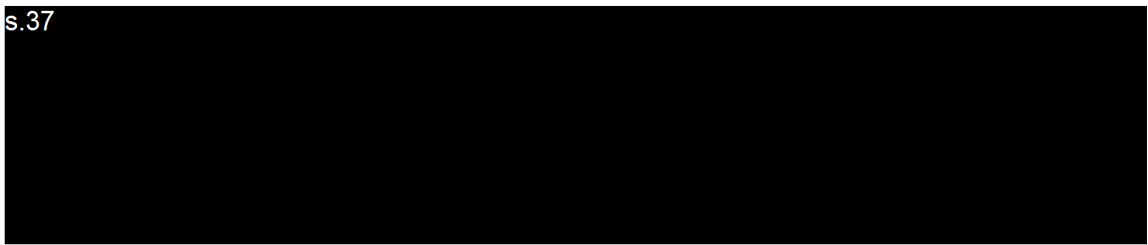
We are also seeing more targeting towards critical infrastructure for the city and the country – municipally and federally
It goes beyond maintaining the peace, starts effecting lives and safety
Mayor – with respect to resources and policing – I am wondering are there any additional authorities that you would seek for your police service or for someone to exercise with respect to these protests
We are looking at whether the current legal authorities is appropriate for the situation

JW

Thanks for that, ask for City Manager to response
Did get approval of increase in fines from the Ontario Chief Justice, that will hurt their wallets
We would like to get MTO more involved, put pressure on insurance companies – it was a disappointing answer from the province. Yet they are always setting up blitzes on the 400 series highways to check tires etc.

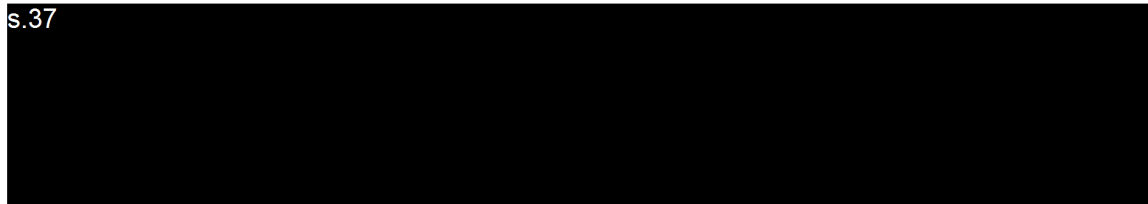
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MM

DM Stewart do you have anything to add?

RS

No – we are engaging the province on all of these areas, as well as the evolution of the plan
From what I understand the plan of the Chief has not yet been completely fleshed out, that may effect the speed with which the RCMP can deploy resources.
RCMP has the additional resources MM outlined, but have not yet had a signal from the Commissioner that the plan has been laid out
Do not have a direct line of sight into the OPP

JW

That 275-300 are pre assigned, I have talked about this before. We have to be careful about that, don't want to put you in an awkward situation
Very relieved to hear about movement of 250 by the weekend, that starts tomorrow night
Weekend starts tomorrow that's when the crazies arrive, already hearing about additional convoys

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The Ambassador bridge is a huge economic hit to the country, this is day 14 for us
We have seen some progress, shutting off gas for example. But there are so many entry points, need a team of officers at each entry point
Divide 250 by shifts – that means approx. 20 more officers on the ground for each shift
We put the request in based in part on the PM's tweet – we are asking for the resources we need
If this is a down payment, it is welcome
I am trying to calm the waters, councilors want to do a press conference to denounce the federal government for doing nothing
If we are firm on the 250 let's let that be known
Are having to extinguish barrel fires, CAS on standby because of children in convoy
To MM -can we have an announcement of the 250 officers tomorrow? They have to get sworn in, so there is a logistical challenge

MM

I will take that back – one of the concerns that the commissioner has is around number inviting more protesters to dig in
I hear you on wanting to make a strong and compelling announcement that these resources are specifically dedicated to community safety and enforcement
On the number piece let me go back and go back to the Commissioner on it.

BB

Thanks – if we can speak frankly for a moment
It has come to the media's discussion that they are not in this meeting for the third day – statement from ON is that this table will accomplish nothing
Would be concerned if this table is perceived to be adding numbers – but it is valuable to say that we are having a conversation about resources, the support that Ottawa needs
There might be some value in saying that there is some value in these discussions – I don't want to respond directly, but this could be an indirect response

JW

Good point – I am happy to use the language “significant increase in numbers, very good first start” and that numbers will not be released for obvious numbers to antagonize the other side

BB

It is not just about antagonizing, it is keeping the police numbers confidential

JW

We had to put numbers in our letter, so that's where that comes from
Can the Commissioner come talk to the Chief today to firm this up
I can say that I am disappointed that the province has not come to the table – Premier is telling me “anything you want”, but then there is silence
This is a national crisis that has strong overtones in the National Capital
Bank and Laurier seems to be cleaned up, some of the trucks on Bronson have been cleaned up

More aggressive ticketing and higher fines are making some difference
If there are issues with the plan the OPP and RCMP need to provide alternative plans

BB

We will leave it to the professionals

JW

You did a great job as chief in a big city, you would be good at it
To MM – in the short term we need those boots on the ground
To BB – for critical infrastructure – do you have intel on Ottawa targets that are at risk?

BB

I am always looking at critical infrastructure
Direct action against manufacturing, supply chains – water treatment plans, waste treatment plans are all very important. I don't have any specific intel on these, but when there are people who are intent on disrupting we need to be very thoughtful about these places.
This can become an issue of health and safety for citizens quickly. Putting people's lives at risk is the greatest concern

MM

Commissioner has made some encouraging remarks about when the 250 would be online, at the latest this weekend if not before
Yes of course we should coordinate a plan to deliver this good news. It is responsive to the needs the OPS has put on the table
We all want to know what the timeline is for the convoy to be disengaged. To the extent that Sloly is laying out the plan to colleagues....the province should be at this table, it is a useful forum to show leadership and coordination
This has been a really good conversation

JW

Thank you – if we can get word from the Commissioner to Sloly sometime today we can get this moving, we don't want them to pick up and leave on Monday.

MM

Point well taken, I will relay this to Brenda

JW

This is a good step, at some point I will call the Premier to get them to sit at this table.

MM

I wouldn't wait, the sooner the better

JW

Ok I will try to get to him today.

Call ends.